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APPLICATION OF : Richard Cramer, Robert Jilek, Qian Liu, Stefan Güessregen, Bernd Wendt, and Katherine Andrews

TITLE : A Method For Searching Heterogenous Compound Databases Using Topomeric Shape Descriptors and Pharmacophoric Features

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time from February 21, 2004 to May 21, 2004 to respond to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003 setting a shortened statutory period of three months. A check in the amount of \$475 for the three month extension fee is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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